

**Amendments to the Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) An optical connector with a shutter, comprising:  
a body having an insertion and extraction port into and from which a plug serving as a counter optical connector is to be inserted and extracted, and an insertion space for said plug, said insertion space communicating with said insertion and extraction port;  
an optical device which is disposed in said body to be opposed to an end portion of said plug that is inserted into said insertion space; and  
a void space which is additionally formed in said plug insertion space to be expanded to a lateral side from said insertion and extraction; and  
~~further comprising:~~  
a support shaft which is placed in said vacant space; and  
a shutter which is attached to said support shaft to be openingly and closingly movable about said support shaft between a closing position where said shutter closes said insertion and extraction port in a form crossing said insertion space, and an opening position where said shutter is retracted into said vacant space to open said insertion and extraction port, said shutter being always elastically urged toward said closing position, wherein a plate spring which rides over an outer peripheral face of said plug that is inserted into said insertion space, to be in elastic contact with said plug is disposed in an intermediate portion in a longitudinal direction of said insertion space

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through said insertion and extraction port.

11. (Currently amended) An optical connector with a shutter according to claim 2 1, wherein said plate spring has a function of serving as a grounding contact.